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Prologue

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Picture is Mistykit as a warrior

A silver tabby she-cat sat her blue eyes fixed on a murky puddle. It stood out in the flower filled meadow. the silver tabby lightly touched the puddle which swirled around. Two yellow eyes flashed suddenly as a dark grey and silver she-cat appeared.

"Greetings Stormfire," the silver tabby dipped her head.

A pure escaped Stormfire. "It's good to see you Silverstripe,"

A third cat walked into the meadow his dark grey fur bushed out and yellow eyes tired.

"Rockstar," Stormfire meowed.

Rockstar dipped his head. "The three of us have never been together like this,"

"Stop stalling Rockstar," Silverstripe meowed.

Rockstar sighed flicking his tail.

"We need to send them to the mountains," Silverstripe continued.

"And what do the tribe have to do with this?" Rockstar asked.

"I don't know," Silverstripe admitted. "But you know as well as I do that the tribe will play a part,"

"So we are sending the chosen cats," Rockstar muttered.

"Can't we leave them in peace?" Stormfire asked

"I'm sorry Stormfire," Silverstripe meowed. "But there's nothing we can do for now,"

Stormfire sighed. "Shadowclan has been through so much. Is it that hard to ask for a moons of piece,"

"Shadowclan has had their few moons of peace," Rockstsr pointed out. "There's nothing more we can do,"

Allegiances

Shadowclan

LEADER: Bravestar-small scarred wiry brown and black tortoiseshell she-cat with one yellow eye (Daughter of Stormfire and Mousewing)

DEPUTY: Newtspeck- light brown tabby Tom

MEDICINE CAT: Snowflower- slender white she-cat with blue eyes (Daughter of Stormfire and Mousewing)

WARRIORS:

Frostheart- pretty white she-cat with Amber eyes (Daughter of Firetail and Archpelt)

Silvermist- silver and black tabby she-cat with blue eyes (Daughter of Stormfire and Mousewing)

Nightclaw- black tom with yellow eyes (son of Stormfire and Mousewing)

Leaftail- dark ginger tom with green eyes (son of Ambergaze and Pinefall)

Spiderfoot- black tom with blue eyes (son of Ambergaze and Pinefall)

Mintfur- dappled grey tom (son of Fernsky)

Shrewclaw- small pale brown tabby tom with green eyes (son of Fernsky)

Sparrowwing- dark brown tabby tom with amber eyes (son of Bravestar and Newtspeck)

Brindlecloud- very pale pink she-cat with red eyes (daughter of Bravestar and Newtspeck)

Wrenflight- grey she-cat with dark grey spots and blue eyes (daughter of Bravestar and Newtspeck)

Hollytuft- beautiful she-cat with many shades of black fur and blue eyes (daughter of Bravestar and Newtspeck)

Mistheart- grey and silver tabby she-cat with blue eyes

Peach- dark brown and white she-cat with amber eyes (daughter of Misty and Scar)

Jade- small ginger she-cat with amber eyes (daughter of Misty and Scar)

Blacktail- stocky black Tom with amber eyes (son of Misty and Scar)

Russetfur- russet furred she-cat with Amber eyes (daughter of Crowfrost and Pounceleap)

Smokestripe- pretty tortoiseshell she-cat with amber eyes (daughter of Crowfrost and Pounceleap)

Sootfeather- pale grey tabby tom with blue eyes (son of Crowfrost and Pounceleap)

Honeyblossom- ginger she-cat with a bright pink nose and grey eyes (daughter of Mistheart and Nightclaw)

Sunstrike- ginger tom with blue eyes (son of Mistheart and Nightclaw)

Whiskertail- small white tom with green eyes (son of Frostheart)

Spottedflower- brown she-cat with white tabby stripes and blue eyes (daughter of Frostheart)

Duskfoot- black tom with green eyes (son of Russetfur and Blacktail)

Dawnleaf- tortoiseshell she-cat with green eyes (daughter of Russetfur and Blacktail)

Berryclaw- black tom with a white patch around one eye (son of Peach)

Fallensky- brown and white she-cat (daughter of Peach)

Cherryheart- ginger tortoiseshell she-cat (daughter of Peach)

QUEENS:

Appledawn- light ginger she-cat with golden eyes (daughter of Frostheart)
Mother to Sunstrike's kits: Sandkit- pale ginger tomkit with blue eyes, Poppykit- dark ginger and light ginger striped she-kit with golden eyes, Coalkit- black and ginger tomkit with blue eyes and Mudkit- mottled dark ginger tomkit with golden eyes

Rainleaf- silver tabby she-cat with green eyes (daughter of Stormfire and Mousewing)
Mother to Spiderfoot's kits: Thrushkit- pale ginger she-kit with light green eyes, Hazelkit- brown she-kit with white paws, a white tipped tail and amber eyes and Bouncekit- brown tabby tomkit with blue eyes
Foster Mother to Grasspelt and Duskfoot's kits: Mistykit- slender light grey tabby she-kit with blue eyes, Sagekit- silver tomkit with yellow eyes and Stormkit- silver and dark grey she-kit with yellow eyes

ELDERS:

Ambergaze- ginger she-cat with white legs, white chest fur, white underbelly and white muzzle with ginger around her nose and dark blue eyes (daughter of Cinderblaze and Snowhawk)

Riverclan

LEADER: Brindlestar- dark tabby she-cat

DEPUTY: Batsong- black she-cat with white tabby stripes

MEDICINE CAT: Minnowtail- light brown Tom with white patches
Apprentice: Ottertail- white tabby tom (son of Greyheart and Darkspots)

WARRIORS:

Tigerlily- small white she-cat with black tiger stripes and icy blue eyes

Dapplenose- pretty brown and orange dappled she-cat

Frogbounce- stocky ginger Tom

Owleyes- long haired dark ginger Tom with white paws

Darkspots- black Tom with a white tabby face

Greyheart- grey tabby she-cat

Alderfang- black and white Tom with blue eyes

Lightningstripe- yellow Tom with black stripes

Milkfur- cream and white tom (son of Greyheart and Darkspots)

Branchfur- brown tabby Tom

Beetlestripe- tabby striped Tom

QUEENS:

Grasspelt- long haired pale brown she-cat with amber eyes
Mother to Duskfoot's kits: Nightkit- black she-kit with white paws and Rowankit- russet furred she-kit

ELDERS:

Berryspots- dark brown Tom with white patches

Cherryheart- tortoiseshell she-cat

Foxshade- fox red Tom

Thunderclan

LEADER: Willowstar- ginger and white she-cat

DEPUTY: Blazetail- dark ginger Tom

MEDICINE CAT: Ravenwing- black she-cat with a white tipped tail

Windclan

LEADER: Echostar- spiky furred russet she-cat

DEPUTY: Jay- grey and silver tabby she-cat

MEDICINE CAT: Blackfur- black she-cat with white paws and a white muzzle
Apprentice: Dustpaw- dark grey Tom

WARRIORS:

Lilystripe- long haired cream she-cat

Oakfur- brown tabby Tom

Grasspelt- tortoiseshell she-cat

Owlflight- spotted grey Tom

Breezeflower- White she-cat with black tabby markings

Spikepelt- dark brown Tom

Stagfoot- brown and white she-cat

Bloomheart- small white she-cat (daughter of Breezeflower)

Blossomtail- pretty black tabby she-cat (daughter of Breezeflower)

Rabbitfall- black tom with Amber eyes (son of Breezeflower)

ELDERS:

Whiskernose- brown speckled Tom with long whiskers

Heatherpelt- brown and cream she-cat

Redscar- red tortoiseshell Tom with a long scar across his neck

Ivyfang- long clawed tabby she-cat

The Tribe of Rushing Water

HEALER: Stoneteller- mottled grey she-cat with grey eyes

CAVE-GUARDS:

Eagle That Screeches At Dawn (Eagle)- golden tabby she-cat

Hawk That Circles Prey (Hawk)- dark brown tabby Tom

Rock That Rolls Down Mountain (Rock)- grey Tom with black spots

Moss That Falls From Bark (Moss)- brown and cream she-cat

Lightning That Lights The Sky (Lightning)- black tabby Tom

PREY-HUNTERS:

Spider That Crawls Over Rocks (Spider)- long limbed black Tom

Rose That Withers (Rose)- small red she-cat

Fawn That Leaps Over Springs (Fawn)- White she-cat with ginger patches

Bird Where Sun Sets (Bird)- brown and white tabby Tom

TO-BE'S:

Leaf That Floats In Wind (Leaf)- pale ginger she-cat with white paws and Amber eyes (Prey-Hunter)

Bee That Buzzes Over Flowers (Bee)- golden Tom with black stripes (Cave-Guard)

Clouds That Hide The Sun (Cloud)- long haired white she-cat (Cave-Guard)

Shadow That Flickers Through Trees (Shadow)- small black she-cat (Prey-Hunter)

River Where Eagles Nest (River)- slender black and silver she-cat (Prey-Hunter)

KIT MOTHER'S:

Clover Floating In The Sky (Clover)- cream she-cat
Mother to Hare That Bounds Runs Over Leaves (Hare)- black and white tomkit and Lily Where Springs Bubble (Lily)- tortoiseshell she-kit

ELDERS:

Mist That Covers Mountain (Mist)- spotted grey she-cat

Chapter 1 Mistykit

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The leaves of the pine trees flittered in the wind. Mistykit was tempted to grab one. She shook her head scolding herself. She had to concentrate on the task at hand. Mistykit sank her claws into the bark of a pine tree and pulled herself up slowly. Above her a branch was.
I must get to that branch.

Mistykit put one paw above her, pulling herself up the tree until she was level with the first branch. Mistykit carefully put her paws on it. A breeze blew past. Mistykit fluffed up her light grey tabby fur trying to keep out the leaf-bare chill.

"Yeah go Mistykit!" Stormkit purred.

The dark grey and silver she-kit was shivering in the cold but her yellow eyes were bright.

"See Mudkit?" Sagekit growled the silver tomkit narrowed his yellow eyes. "She can do it,"

Mudkit rolled his golden eyes. His mottled dark ginger fur was covered in snow.

"Come down Mistykit!" Hazelkit cried her amber eyes wide with fur and brown fur standing on end. The white tip of her tail blended in with the snow, so did her white paws.

"She'll be fine," the pale ginger she-kit Thrushkit promised.

Mistykit sank her claws into the bark and slid down landing on her paws.

"I'm hungry," Coalkit complained flattening his black and ginger fur.

"Can we try prey this time?" Poppykit asked smoothing her light and dark ginger striped fur.

"Icky!" Sandkit hissed his pale ginger fur spiking up. "I don't want to try prey! I want milk!"

"If you don't want prey you don't have to try it," the brown tabby tomkit Bouncekit told him.

Mistykit followed the other kits, even Sandkit to the fresh-kill pile. Mistykit sniffed a skinny frog and wrinkled her nose.

"I'd recommend a mouse for your first time," Cherryheart told the kits as she tried to get clumps of snow from her ginger tortoiseshell fur.

"I'm having milk!" Sandkit cried.

"We've had milk *for two moons*," Mudkit hissed to his littermate. "Come on Sandkit! The fresh-kill pile will be empty soon,"

Mistykit sniffed out a mouse and brought it out. She and her littermates sat around it while the other kits tried to find something else. Mistykit took a bite. The forest flavour tasted strange on her tongue. Soon they had finished the mouse.

"Come out of the cold!" Rainleaf called to them once they'd all finished eating.

Mistykit trudged through the snow and back into the nursery. Sandkit, Mudkit, Poppykit and Coalkit headed to where Appledawn was. Bouncekit, Hazelkit and Thrushkit lay beside Rainleaf.

Mistykit, Stormkit and Sagekit didn't join them. Instead they headed to a corner of the nursery where moss had been spread out. They waited for the other's to fall asleep before they spoke.

"I wish Grasspelt was here," Stormkit murmured. "I mean Rainleaf's nice and all but I want my own Mother,"

"I think I remember her," Sagekit frowned.

"Me too," Mistykit meowed. "It's all a blur though,"

"She always tells Smokestripe to say something to us but it isn't the

same," Stormkit sighed.

"I can't wait until we're apprentices, Sagekit meowed. "Then we'll get to meet Grasspelt, Rowankit and Nightkit!"

Mistykit nodded.
But it seems so long. Four moons will take a long time.

Chapter 2 Sagekit

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Please ignore that Sagekit has blue eyes instead of yellow eyes in the picture

Sagekit woke to a shaft of light coming from the entrance to the nursery. He stretched listening to the bird song. Mistykit and Stormkit were still asleep so he left the nursery coming out into the camp. He spotted Duskfoot sitting beside Dawnleaf. Sagekit ran over to them. Dawnleaf looked down at him. Sagekit stared back into her green eyes.

"You're up early Sagekit," the tortoiseshell warrior purred.

Sagekit nodded. He looked up at his Father who's black felt was recently groomed. Sagekit shrugged no longer knowing why'd he'd gone over to them. Duskfoot and Dawnleaf exchanged a glance as Sagekit headed to the fresh-kill pile which was, to his dismay nothing more then a squashed frog and a shrew.

"Sagekit!"

Sagekit turned around to see Hazelkit running up to him.

"Hi," Sagekit meowed.

"Rainleaf's looking for you," Hazelkit explained.

Sagekit lashed his tail and followed her into the nursery where Rainleaf was. He joined his littermates.

"I want all of you to stay outside today," Rainleaf meowed.

"Why?" Bouncekit asked curiously.

"Mistheart is having kits again," Rainleaf explained. "So I need you to stay out of the way. I'm trusting you okay? And don't bombard Mistheart either,"

Sagekit headed out of the nursery with the other kits following.

"Let's play Thunderclan attack!" Mudkit decided. "I'm Mudstar Shadowclan's leader!"

"Nah!" Sandkit wailed. "I'm Sandstar Shadowclan's leader!"

"Are not!" Coalkit argued. "I'm Coalstar!"

"I'm Poppystar!" Poppykit interrupted.

Sagekit sighed. The wind whistled in his ears. *I can't wait to be an apprentice.* Sagekit scanned the warriors. He could see Leaftail unsheathing his claws. Brindlecloud was grooming herself and Wrenflight was dozing in the sun. Sagekit growled softly. *I just want to go to a Gathering! I want to meet Grasspelt and Rowankit and Nightkit. I can barely remember them*

Chapter 3 Stormkit

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Picture is Bouncekit

Stormkit sat in the Elders den listening to Ambergaze. The ginger and white Elder was telling a story about the Great Battle. Stormkit was bored but she pretended to pay attention for she didn't want to be rude.

"... Firestar struck the fatal blow killing Tigerstar forever. But Tigerstar had wounded Firestar too greatly and the Thunderclan leader lost his last life for the clans,"

Stormkit nodded.

"Run along now Stormkit," Ambergaze purred.

Stormkit left the Elders den and found herself covered in snow. Suddenly snow splattered in her face. She looked up to see Bouncekit, his blue eyes filled with laughter. Stormkit scooped up a pawful of snow and flung it at the brown tabby kit. Bouncekit fell backward.

"She's just like Stormfire," Newtspeck purred.

"It's almost like she is still here," Bravestar added.

Stormkit heard comparison between herself and Stormfire all the time. Shaking out her fur Stormkit threw pawful after pawful of snow flinging it at Bouncekit. Hazelkit and Thrushkit joined Bouncekit's side and Mistykit and Sagekit joined Stormkit.

The kits kit hurled snowballs at each other and leapt to avoid them. The kits stopped only when their fur was covered in snow. Stormkit spat some out out her mouth. She fluffed out her fur shivering in the cold.

"Kits!" Russetfur hissed. "Don't you have any sense at all?! You'll

catch Green-Cough if you keep that up!"

"I'm sure they'll be fine Russetfur," Blacktail meowed.

Russetfur snorted and headed to the camp entrance with her mate. Stormkit watched them go. Rainleaf and Appledawn came over sighing and helped the kits get the snow from their pelts. Stormkit fluffed up her fur.

"You look like a giant fluff-ball!" Coalkit teased.

Stormkit flattened her fur embarrassed.

"I'm cold!" Sandkit complained.

Stormkit stuck out her tongue. *Sagekit, Mistykit and I have thick pelts like a Riverclan cat, but Sandkit's is short.* Stormkit looked up at the sky. *I can't wait to be an apprentice!*

Chapter 4 Mistykit

[image]

Picture is Appledawn

Mistykit lay outside the nursery listening to her clanmates. Silvermist and Brindlecloud were sitting nearby talking. Mistykit twitched her ears.

"Newtspeck told me Bravestar is expecting another litter," Silvermist was saying.

Brindlecloud looked up. "Can she even do that as clan leader?"

Silvermist shrugged. "Bravestar doesn't know. She's really nervous. What do think Brindlecloud? Having some more siblings,"

Brindlecloud rolled her eyes. "When are they due?"

"Two moons," Silvermist answered.

Mistykit tuned out. *The nursery will be really full, with the ten of us plus Mistheart's kits and Bravestar's. I don't know if anyone will have room to sleep.*

Mistykit headed back into the nursery curling up in her warm nest. *I can't wait for my first Newleaf. Leaf-bare is so cold!*

"Mistykit!" Thrushkit cried. "Did you hear? Bravestar's kits will be our new denmates soon! I can't wait! Bravestar wants the warriors to expand the nursery! This is going to be awesome! Pooh! If we become good friends with Bravestar's kits maybe we can convince them to get Bravestar to make us apprentices early!"

"I don't think so," Appledawn interrupted. "These kits will be born when your four moons old. So don't go scaring them,"

"Awww!" Thrushkit complained. "Mistykit I dare you to help me convince Appledawn!"

The light ginger queen sighed her golden eyes filled with amusement. "It will be up to Bravestar. I want you to help them okay? Bravestar will still have her duties as clan leader so she won't be with her kits all the time,"

"Okay," Thrushkit promised.

"I'll help too," Mistykit meowed.

Appledawn nodded. "Now why don't the two of you go enjoy yourselves?"

Mistykit and Thrushkit ran out into the snow covered came. Mistykit sniffed the fresh-kill pile and together the two kits shared a shrew.
I'll help you and your kits Bravestar. I promise.

Chapter 5 Sagekit

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The picture is Bravestar's two new kits, Cinderkit (the darker one) and Sparkkit (the lighter one)

Two moons had passed, Mistheart's three kits, Thornkit a black and white tomkit with blue eyes, Thistlekit a grey and silver she-kit with blue eyes and Redkit a red tortoiseshell tomkit had been born. Along with that Bravestar's two kits Sparkkit a ginger tabby she-kit with green eyes and Cinderkit a dark ginger she-kit with Amber eyes had been born.

The nursery was crowded. Sagekit left the nursery and came out into the warm Newleaf air. Sandkit, Poppykit, Coalkit and Mudkit were playing moss ball with their Father Sunstrike. Thrushkit, Hazelkit and Bouncekit were listening to Ambergaze tell a story.

Sagekit muttered to himself. *His* littermates were nowhere to be found. Suddenly Sagekit smelt kit scent as Sparkkit jumped on him. Sagekit whipped around whacking her with his tail. Sparkkit fell back.

"Hey!" Sparkkit hissed. "That was mean!"

Sagekit let his fur lie flat. "You jumped on me. I was just defending myself,"

Sparkkit huffed angrily. "So you whack me? You're a bully!"

Sagekit flattened his ears. "I'm not a bully!"

"Are too!" Sparkkit hissed. "I'm gonna t-"

"Sparkkit that's enough,"

Sagekit looked up to see Bravestar.

"He started it!" Sparkkit argued.

"I recall you jumping on him," Bravestar meowed. "Remember your clanmates are your friends. Save the fighting for when you're an apprentice,"

A snort came from Sparkkit and she stormed off.
She isn't like her sister. Cinderkit is so much quieter.

Chapter 6 Stormkit

"Ow!" Stormkit heard Sandkit squeal. "Appledawn you're hurting me!"

"I wish you were becoming apprentices with us," Thrushkit sighed.

"You three and Appledawn's kits are a quarter moon older then Stormkit, Mistykit and Sagekit," Rainleaf reminded them.

Stormkit sighed. She and her littermates would be stuck in the nursery with Sparkkit and Cinderkit for another quarter moons. They were two moons old. Cinderkit was nice, she was like Snowflower's shadow. Sparkkit was a whole different story.

"Bravestar!" Sparkkit yelled. "Who will be leader after you?"

"Sparkkit don't say things like that!" Stormkit cried. "That would mean Bravestar would be dead,"

Sparkkit rolled her eyes. "Then who'll be deputy after Newtspeck?"

"Hey! That means Newtspeck would be dead!"

"Or he might join the Elders,"

"As long as Bravestar is leader he won't,"

Bravestar left the nursery and moments later Stormkit heard her voice.

"Let all cats old enough to catch their own prey gather for a clan meeting!"

"Can we go?" Stormkit asked.

Newtspeck entered the den. "All five of you kits can come as long as you behave. Especially you Sparkkit,"

"You can come too," Mistheart told her own kits.

Sparkkit rolled her eyes. Stormkit followed her littermates into the camp clearing and sat down with Newtspeck.

"Today is the day seven kits will become apprentices, they will train to become Shadowclan warriors," Bravestar began. "I name them Sandpaw, Poppypaw, Coalpaw, Mudpaw, Thrushpaw, Hazelpaw and Bouncepaw. Shrewclaw you will mentor Sandpaw, Mintfur you will mentor Poppypaw, Smokestripe you will mentor Coalpaw, Sootfeather you will mentor Mudpaw, Silvermist you will mentor Thrushpaw, Berryclaw you will mentor Bouncepaw, Hazelpaw you will be Newtspeck's apprentice,"

"Sandpaw! Poppypaw! Coalpaw! Mudpaw! Thrushpaw! Hazelpaw! Bouncepaw!"

That'll be us next.

Chapter 7 Mistypaw

"Whiskertail you will mentor Mistypaw, pass on your enthusiasm and hunting skills to your apprentice," Bravestar meowed.

Whiskertail dipped his head, his white pelt well groomed and his green eyes shining with delight.

"Mistypaw! Mistypaw! Mistypaw!"

Mistypaw listened as her clanmates caterwauled her new name.

"Sunstrike you will mentor Sagepaw," Bravestar continued. "Pass on your patience and skills to your apprentice,"

"Sagepaw! Sagepaw! Sagepaw!"

Sunstrike will be a good mentor. Sagepaw can be quiet and snarky sometimes.

"Nightclaw you will mentor Stormpaw. Pass on your fighting skills to your apprentice,"

"I will Bravestar," the black Tom promised.

"Stormpaw! Stormpaw! Stormpaw!"

Mistypaw touched her nose to Whiskertail's. Suddenly Russetfur burst into camp. Her eyes were wild and her claws unsheathed.

"Russetfur!" Bravestar cried. "What's the matter?"

"Those stupid Thunderclan mouse-brains are attacking us!" Russetfur answered. "Jade, Shrewclaw, Wrenflight and Leaftail are trying to hold them off!"

"Rainleaf, Frostheart, Spiderfoot, Hollytuft, Blacktail and Dawnleaf go with Russetfur," Bravestar ordered.

The chosen cats followed the russet warrior. Mistypaw froze as screeches sounded. Thunderclan cats bolted into the camp. With a screech a ginger and white she-cat left on Bravestar sinking her teeth into the Shadowclan's leaders throat. Mistypaw watched with horror as Bravestar collapsed.

"That was too easy!" The ginger and white she-cat snarled.

"Willowstar how dare you?!" Wrenflight snarled running through the camp entrance.

"I dare because I can!" Willowstar spat. "Shadowclan has broken rules too many times! Excepting rogues into your clan, letting your clanmates have half-clan kits! Stormfire was a disgrace! It's a good thing she's dead!"

Mistypaw had heard stories of huge ferocious warriors of Tigerclan. This was how Nightclaw and Russetfur looked as they stepped forward together. As the two warriors leapt for the Thunderclan leader battle exploded.

Mistypaw rain through the fighting cats to where Bravestar lay her eyes clouded but wide with shock. Mistypaw flattened her ears. *Leaders are supposed to have nine lives! Was that Bravestar's last?!*

Bravestar blinked suddenly. She looked dazed as she sat up slowly. For a moment Mistypaw thought she saw a cat standing over Bravestar. The cat looked like a warrior version of Stormpaw. The cat disappeared suddenly. Mistypaw turned back to the battle. *Starclan help us!*

Chapter 8 Sagepaw

Sagepaw looked around at his clanmates fighting ferociously. A mottled black Thunderclan she-cat faced Sagepaw her lips drawn back into a snarl.

"You're a half-clan cat!" She spat. "Say hello to Starclan for me!"

Sagepaw didn't even have time to react.

"GET AWAY FROM MY SON!!!"

A long haired pale brown she-cat jumped onto the Thunderclan cats back her Amber eyes filled with hatred. The Thunderclan cat screeched and bolted.

"Are you Grasspelt?" Sagepaw asked.

Grasspelt nodded. She touched her nose to Sagepaw's. "I'm so glad you're safe,"

Riverclan cats swarmed the camp fighting with the Shadowclan cats. With cries of outrage the Thunderclan cats bolted back to their territory.

Newtspeck, Snowflower, Silvermist and Nightclaw were standing with Bravestar. Frostheart and Rainleaf stood in front of the nursery bristling. Leaftail, Spiderfoot, Mintfur, Shrewclaw and Sparrowwing chased away the remaining Thunderclan cats.

Brindlecloud, Wrenflight and Hollytuft ran over to their Mother. Peach and Jade were fetching herbs for Snowflower. Blacktail and Russetfur paced the clearing snarling. Smokestripe, Sootfeather, Honeyblossom, Sunstrike, Whiskertail and Appledawn were assessing the damage done to the camp. Dawnleaf helped Snowflower treat cats. Spottedflower sat, her injuries being checked.

Berryclaw, Fallensky and Cherryheart look stunned. The apprentices

sat fearfully in the Elders den with Ambergaze. Duskfoot ran over to where Grasspelt and Sagepaw stood.

"Sagepaw!" Duskfoot cried. "Are you alright?"

Sagepaw nodded. "Grasspelt saved me,"

"Thank you," Duskfoot whispered.

Grasspelt nodded sadly. "It is a shame that our clans force us to be apart,"

"How did your clan know to come?" Duskfoot asked.

"It was Nightpaw who heard it in the first place," Grasspelt explained.

Sagepaw left them and ran over to where Mistypaw was.

"I hate Thunderclan!" Sparkkit snarled nearby. "When I'm an apprentice and I fight them I'll make them regret hurting Bravestar!"

Sagepaw nodded in agreement. "They should never have come here! Shadowclan has done nothing wrong,"

You'll regret this Willowstar.

Chapter 9 Stormpaw

Three sunrises had passed since Thunderclan had attacked. Stormpaw followed her mentor Nightclaw into the shadowy pine forest. The dark leaves blocked out the sun but small specks pushed their way through.

"Attack me," Nightclaw ordered.

Stormpaw ran at her mentor as fast as she could. Nightclaw aimed at one side. Stormpaw leapt to defend herself but Nightclaw turned suddenly knocking her over. Yowling Stormpaw ran at him again. *What do I do now?*

Stormpaw pounced but Nightclaw moved out of the way. Stormpaw fell. Nightclaw put one paw on her tail then pinned her down.

"I'm going to teach you a few battle moves," Nightclaw meowed. "If you're fighting in close range beneath trees back up against a tree then use it to push yourself forward. In a real battle once you do that do not ever give your enemy time to recover,"

Stormpaw nodded. "But what if they attack from behind?"

"Buck like a rabbit," Nightclaw answered. "Do you want to practice what I've told you? Let's start by pushing off a tree,"

Stormpaw nodded. She backed towards a tree as Nightclaw followed slithering through the little undergrowth there was. Stormpaw put both hind legs against the tree then shot forward. Nightclaw quickly moved to avoid her. Stormpaw yowled with surprise.

"Remember it won't always work," Nightclaw explained.

Suddenly Stormpaw saw a flash of silver as Sagepaw slammed into Nightclaw. Nightclaw knocked him off startled. Sagepaw recovered his senses.

"Sorry," Sagepaw meowed. "I'm supposed to be tracking Blacktail but you both have black fur,"

Nightclaw's whiskers twitched. "Don't attack Duskfoot. Remember Blacktail's the one with-"

"I get it," Sagepaw muttered rolling his eyes.

Stormpaw watched her brother walk away.

Chapter 10 Mistypaw

Mistypaw followed her clanmates to the Gathering. Her heart thumped and she felt anxious. Sagepaw and Stormpaw walked with her. The two of them had longing in their eyes. *Tonight we meet Rowanpaw and Nightpaw.*

They'd met their Mother once, after the battle with Thunderclan. They'd been apprentices for a quarter moon. Mistypaw stood on the tree bridge.

"Be careful crossing it," Hollytuft warned. "Try not to fall in,"

Mistypaw carefully crossed. She sank her claws into the bark when suddenly she slipped. With a howl Mistypaw fell into the water. Suddenly a russet shape jumped in too. *Russetfur?*

But the cat was too small to be Russetfur. The russet she-cat grabbed Mistypaw by the scruff and dragged her onto the sandy shore.

"Thank you!" Mistypaw spluttered.

The russet she-cat looked embarrassed. Mistypaw relished the cat was an apprentice. She smelt of Riverclan.

"Are you... Rowanpaw?" Mistypaw asked.

Rowanpaw looked up surprised. "How did you know my name?"

"I'm Mistypaw," Mistypaw explained.

Rowanpaw's eyes lit up. "Really?"

Mistypaw nodded. Spottedflower walked over suddenly.

"Be careful!" The brown and white tabby hissed. "And hurry up!"

Mistypaw followed Rowanpaw over to where a black she-cat with

white paws sat.

"Nightpaw this is Mistypaw," Rowanpaw explained. "She's our littermate!"

"Nice to meet you!" Nightpaw purred. "Where are the other two?"

"Here," Sagepaw growled.

Stormpaw stood beside him.

"Hi Sagepaw! Hi Stormpaw!" Rowanpaw meowed excitedly.

"Where's Duskfoot?" Nightpaw asked. "I wanted to meet him,"

"He wrenched his paw in the battle," Stormpaw explained.

Nightpaw's blue eyes flashed. "Thunderclan are evil,"

"We heard screeching coming from your territory," Rowanpaw meowed. "So we told Brindlestar and she sent warriors to check it out,"

"Which one is Brindlestar?" Sagepaw asked.

"The dark tabby," Rowanpaw explained. "Skystar died in a fox fight. At least that's what Grasspelt told me,"

Mistypaw nodded. Duskfoot had told her about the Riverclan leader who had once been a Shadowclan cat. Duskfoot had told her Riverclan cats had come giving the news and both clans mourned together.
I hope I never have to fight Riverclan. I don't know how'd I'd fight my Riverclan kin.

Chapter 11 Sagepaw

Two moons had passed since Sagepaw had begun training. Every cat kept a close eye on the Thunderclan border ready for battle. Sagepaw sharpened his claws on the dead tree outside the apprentices den. Berryclaw paced the clearing.

"We should take the fight to Thunderclan," Berryclaw decided. "And teach them a lesson!"

"I want to fight!" Thistlekit wailed.

"Me too!" Thornkit cried.

Sagepaw sat down swallowing the last mouthful of a squirrel. *Berryclaw's right. Bravestar has just let Thunderclan get away with it. It's not helping to keep the peace.*
Bravestar appeared from her den suddenly. The Shadowclan leader's expression was unreadable.

"We will take the fight to Thunderclan," Bravestar told them.

Berryclaw looked startled. *He didn't actually think Bravestar would do it.* All Sagepaw felt was fury and excitement. He would show those stinky Thunderclan mouse-brains what Shadpwclan was made of.

"Frostheart get all warriors that are on patrol," Bravestar ordered. "Rainleaf, Silvermist, Thrushpaw, Leaftail, Spiderfoot, Nightclaw, Stormpaw, Mintfur, Poppypaw, Shrewclaw, Sandpaw and Sparrowwing I want all of you to attack now. Spiderfoot you lead. Brindlecloud, Wrenflight, Hollytuft, Jade, Peach and Blacktail defend the camp. Russetfur, Smokestripe, Coalpaw, Sootfeather, Mudpaw, Honeyblossom Whiskertail and Mistypaw try to lure as many warriors as you can towards the lake. It will be hard to fight in all those brambles. Appledawn, Spottedflower, Duskfoot Fallensky, Cherryheart, Sunstrike and Sagepaw Newtspeck and I will lead you straight into Thunderclan's camp. We need to get the warriors out of their camp and take them to the lake. Berryclaw and

Bouncepaw you two will be bringing injured cats back here,"

"I'll help Snowflower," Dawnleaf meowed. "She'll need an extra set of paws,"

Bravestar nodded. "Now go!"

Sagepaw followed his mentor and their patrol into Thunderclan territory. Excitement coursed through him. He was ready. Screeches exploded suddenly. The Shadowclan patrol pushed their way painfully through the Thunderclan camp entrance. Battle exploded.

Sagepaw felt claws dig into his shoulders. Whipped around he could see Thunderclan's deputy, the dark ginger Tom Blazetail.

"An apprentice!" Blazetail cackled. "Let's see how well you can fight!"

Sagepaw shot forward slithering under the deputies belly, Sagepaw rolled her sinking his claws into Blazetail's fur. With a screech of fury Blazetail slammed his paws down barely missing Sagepaw's head.

Sagepaw shot out grabbing Blazetail's tail. The Thunderclan deputy turned around raking his claws along Sagepaw's side. Sagepaw slashed at Blazetail's ears.

"You'll regret that!" Blazetail spat.

"We'll see," Sagepaw snarled.

Blazetail sank his teeth into Sagepaw's paw. Sagepaw shrieked raking his claws across the first thing he could which unfortunately for Blazetail was the deputies face. Blazetail yowled with rage but he was blinded. Feeling weak Sagepaw felt someone lift him.

"I'll take you back to Snowflower," Berryclaw meowed.

"But I won't to fight!" Sagepaw protested.

"You're injured," Berryclaw retorted. "Besides you just fought off Blazetail,"

Sagepaw felt a surge of triumph. With Berryclaw's help he headed back to Shadpwclan territory and lay down in Snowflower's den.

"Here's a poppy seed," Snowflower meowed after assessing his injuries.

Sagepaw lapped it up. His eyes closed and he fell asleep.

Chapter 12 Stormpaw

Stormpaw slashed at the nose of a Thunderclan warrior. She Poppypaw and Sandpaw fought together. They left onto the back of a Thunderclan warrior scratching and clawing. The Thunderclan cat howled with pain and bolted.

Stormpaw panted exchanging a triumphant glance with Sandpaw and Poppypaw. From where she was standing Stormpaw spotted Bravestar and Willowstar fighting. The Thunderclan leader was trying to get to Bravestar's blind side but Bravestar kept her yellow eye on Willowstar as she attacked her.

All around her everyone was fighting, Stormpaw felt her heart sink. *Why can't Thunderclan just give up? They aren't going to win!*

"Thunderclan surrenders!" Willowstar snarled furiously.

Bravestar nodded. "Shadowclan! Let's go home,"

Stormpaw followed her clanmates back to the camp. She found herself walking beside Newtspeck.

"If only Tealstar were still leader," Newtspeck sighed.

"Who's Tealstar?" Stormpaw asked.

"She was the leader before Willowstar," Newtspeck explained. "But she lost her life to green cough the same day her deputy was killed by foxes,"

Stormpaw stared wide eyed. "That's horrible! Did Willowstar just take over?"

Newtspeck shrugged. "It looks like it. I don't think Thunderclan has many warriors fit to be their leader. Thunderclan has strayed far from the peaceful path Firestar put them on,"

Stormpaw nodded. She pushed her way through the Shadowclan

camp entrance. Looking around she spotted Sagepaw asleep in the medicine den. She froze.

"He's fine," Berryclaw meowed seeing her fearful look. "He just get injured *beating* the Thunderclan *deputy*,"

Stormpaw stared with shock. *That's awesome!*

Chapter 13 Mistypaw

Mistypaw cleared out the dirty bedding of the nursery and replaced it with new moss and bracken. Thornkit, Thistlekit and Redkit watched her curiously. When Mistypaw was done she sat down feeling tired.

"Thank you," Mistheart purred. She winked at Mistypaw. "Bravestar will be impressed,"

Mistypaw smiled. She grabbed a lizard from the fresh-kill pile and devoured it. Mistypaw groomed her light grey tabby fur smoothing her whiskers.

"I have to wait four whole moons to become a warrior!" Sparkkit complained. "Mistypaw can you teach me a battle move,"

"Only if Bravestar says it's okay," Mistypaw meowed.

Sparkkit groaned. "Uh! I have to get Bravestar's permission for everything! Just because she's the clan leader doesn't mean-"

"It's not because she's clan leader," Stormpaw interrupted. "It's because she's you're Mother,"

"At least you didn't have to answer to your Mother all the time!" Sparkkit retorted.

Mistypaw sighed. "At least you have a Mother that lives in the same clan as you Sparkkit,"

Sparkkit rolled her eyes. Then the ginger tabby kit ran off. Mistypaw exchanged a glance with Stormpaw.

"Her mentor is going to have a hard time," Stormpaw meowed.

Mistypaw nodded in agreement. *I hope Sparkkit doesn't cause too much trouble though.*

Chapter 14 Sagepaw

Sagepaw sat beside Rowanpaw and Nightpaw. It was the first Gathering since Shadowclan had fought Thunderclan. Willowstar looked furious.

"What's wrong with her?" Nightpaw asked quietly. "She doesn't look happy with Bravestar,"

"We went into Thunderclan's territory and battled them," Sagepaw explained.

"A revenge attack?" Nightpaw asked.

"Yes," Sagepaw answered. "Thunderclan surrendered,"

Rowanpaw frowned. "Willowstar doesn't seem like the type to surrender. I wonder what her motive is,"

Sagepaw narrowed his eyes and growled. The russet apprentice was right. Sagepaw sniffed the air. *Thunderclan better not attack at the Gathering. They'd be out numbered anyway. Riverclan would side with us and from what Silvermist told me Windclan doesn't trust Thunderclan since they plotted with the rogues.*

Brindlestar stepped forward breaking the tension. "Riverclan is happy to announce that our apprentices are doing very well in their training,"

Rowanpaw and Nightpaw ducked their heads in embarrassment as Riverclan, Shadowclan and Windclan warriors gave them warm looks. Thunderclan did not.

"Dapplenose is also expecting kits," Brindlestar finished.

Stormpaw leaned in whispering quietly into Sagepaw's ear so no one else could hear. "Do the other clans know Bravestar is expecting kits?"

"No," Sagepaw answered. "Newtspeck was afraid it would make Shadowclan a target,"

Echostar stepped forward next. The spiky russet furred Windclan leader looked around at the cats. "Dustpaw has received his full medicine cat name, Duststorm. I am also happy to announce that Stagfoot is expecting kits,"

All except Thunderclan cheered. Bravestar came forward next.

"Shadowclan's many apprentices are doing well in their training," Bravestar announced. "And in four moons time we'll have even more apprentices,"

Bravestar sat down and Willowstar stood.

"Thunderclan is stronger then ever," Willowstar growled. "We will not tolerate trespassers and we are watching our borders closely,"

"No one has trespassed Willowstar," Echostar hissed.

Willowstar ignored her. "Thunderclan lets go!"

"Talk about rude," Sagepaw growled.

Ah you probably don't care but I was looking through the allegiances and I realised there was a Grasspelt in Windclan too O.O

Chapter 15 Stoneteller

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You're probably like "What?" 0.0
Also the picture is Stoneteller

Stoneteller sat listening to the sound of the waterfall. Her tribe mates went about their daily business, hunting, protecting each other, looking after the kits. But Stoneteller was troubled. *I sense dark times are coming.*

"Stoneteller?"

The voice was raspy. Stoneteller turned around to see Mist. The spotted grey Elder looked sad.

"Mist," Stoneteller meowed.

Mist tilted her head. "What's wrong?"

"Nothing," Stoneteller answered.

"I'm your oldest friend. I can tell that it isn't nothing,"

Stoneteller sighed. "I sense dark times ahead Mist,"

"For the tribe?" Mist asked.

Stoneteller shook her head. "Not us. But somehow we are connected," Stoneteller felt suddenly distant from herself. "Strange cats will come, cats who have come before but beyond our memory. Dark times will come upon these cats. This is the will of the stars,"

Chapter 16 Mistypaw

I apologise in advance, this will be a very short chapter

"Mistypaw from this day fourth you shall be known as Mistyflower," Bravestar meowed. "Starclan honours your intelligence and thoughtfulness and we welcome you as a full warrior of Shadowclan,"

"Mistyflower! Mistyflower! Mistyflower!"

Sagepaw and Stormpaw joined in cheering her sisters new name. Mistywater smiled.

"Sagepaw from this day fourth you shall Sageclaw," Bravestar meowed. "Starclan honours your bravery and battle skills and we welcome you as a full warrior of Shadowclan,"

Mistyflower could see her brother's pride as the clan cheered his name.

"Stormpaw from this day fourth you shall be known as Stormwing," Bravestar decided. "Starclan honours your enthusiasm and courage and we welcome you as a full warrior of Shadowclan,"

"Stormwing! Stormwing! Stormwing!"

We are warriors now.

The End

Thanks for reading this ! :)

The next one will be called Warriors Secrets of the Stars #2 The Mountain Tribe

Please comment any opinions suggestions or really anything :)

Thank you!
-Stormfire01